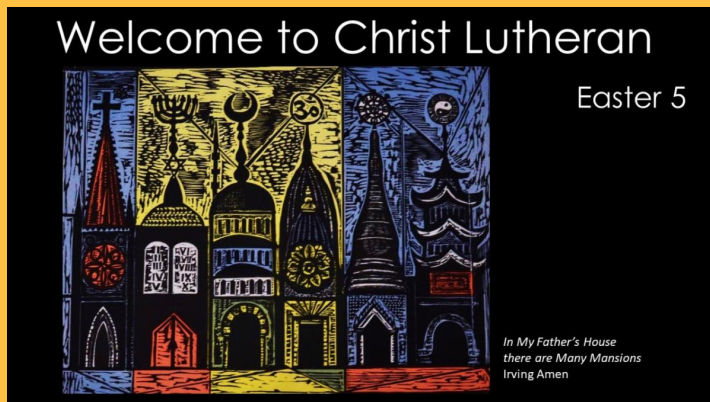




## The Bridge

May 5, 2023



Easter 5  
Sunday, May 7  
10am

LIVE STREAM  
WORSHIP at 10AM  
on SUNDAY

Just click on the link! That's it!

<https://www.youtube.com/live/TYy9NYdBKwg?feature=share>

You can also find the link on the homepage of our website:

[www.clchhi.org](http://www.clchhi.org)

### Worship Volunteers:

**Lector:** Joe Fudjack

**Communion Assistants:** Janet Garnjost & Lynn Baglyos

**Greeters:** Ray & Suzy Makalous

**Ushers:** Fran & Robin Baselice

**Altar Guild:** Marajeane Zodtner

Our musicians this week are  
Piano/organ: Mollie Nichols  
Doug & Elsa Felten, Susie Fidler

*Thanks to all our music leaders and volunteers!*

### RIC Concerns, Pt. 1

As I said in my last article and in worship on Sunday, a majority of people from Christ Lutheran are in favor and even excited about being on the Reconciling in Christ roster. But



even among some of those who were in favor of being listed as an RIC congregation, there were some concerns and questions. I think all of the concerns are legitimate. I've encountered similar concerns while going through this process with my previous congregation, and I've heard that people in other congregations going through the process

have had them too. Even though a small number asked about these things, maybe others of you were wondering about them as well. Some require simple clarification, and some are deeper thoughts. This week we'll do the simple stuff and next week we'll talk about a deeper issue.

### **“Meaningful Offering”**

Reconciling Works has as one of the requirements for being on the RIC roster, that the congregation should give a “meaningful offering” to Reconciling Works. As I understand, this is a new request that has been made in the past couple of years. Some people are concerned about how much this “meaningful offering” is and how demanding Reconciling Works will be about it. As I have told people, I have not found Reconciling Works to be aggressive when it comes to fund raising. I have gotten normal, annual pleas to support their ministry, like other non-profits I'm a part of. As with any non-profit there are expenses. Maintaining the list, and web site, and staff, and furthering their ministry costs money and they ask for donations to support that.

I asked other pastors of RIC congregations what their “meaningful offer” is. Of the pastors that responded, most said that their congregation gives \$100 - \$300 annually. Some do it by a free will offering from the congregation, and one congregation does it with a bake sale.

Liz Colver, the chair of the board of Reconciling Works wrote this response to my inquiry: *“Whatever might be meaningful to you and your community per your engagement with LGBTQ ministry and Reconciling Works. We have congregations give \$50/month, \$50/year, and all the other numbers you might imagine. No one will badger you. We just hope your community discerns together about what it means to be part of the changing tides toward LGBTQ and People of Color affirmation and welcome. The language of meaningful contribution helps pastors and councils know it's hoped to be a discerned amount- not a leftover or toss away or non-meaningful amount.”*

### **ELCA**

From some of the comments, it seems like there might be some questions about our status with the ELCA if we choose to be on the RIC list. Being on the RIC list doesn't affect our status with the ELCA at all. Most (if not all) of the churches on the RIC list currently are ELCA churches. Reconciling in Christ is just an identifier telling people which ELCA churches are welcoming to all people. While Reconciling Works is not a wing of the ELCA, it is recognized by the ELCA as an “independent Lutheran organization”. If we agree to put ourselves on the RIC list, would still be an ELCA congregation.

### **Signs and Flags**

"If we become Reconciling in Christ, will we have rainbow flags in front of our church? Will we have a sign?" This is a question that comes up often. The easy answer to this is that the Town of Hilton Head doesn't allow us to have extra signs or flags on our frontage and have actually taken things down when we've put them up.

The larger question, I think, behind this question is “Will we make our Reconciling in Christ status public?” and the honest answer to that is yes. How we do that specifically will be decided by our leadership as we go. We will talk about our front sign, our web site, and newspaper ads, among other things. And how we make our welcome known to others will develop as we progress through this over the years. But part of becoming a Reconciling In

Christ church is that we are making our welcome known to the outside world. Making a statement about our welcome of LGBTQ people outside our congregation is a risk. There could be implications to it. But when we are standing alongside people who are hated and oppressed in some circles, we are sharing in a little bit the risk they take on a daily basis. That is how we show our support and welcome.

I will talk about the question of why we have to say it out loud and why we have to specifically mention LGBTQ people by name in Pt. 2 next week!

Rev. June Wilkins

To read Pr. June's Sermon from last week, click here:

<http://revjunewilkinssermons.blogspot.com/>

## Donation Sunday

is May 7th

The following items are needed  
for our Little Free Pantry:



Canned fruits and vegetables  
Spaghetti sauce and pasta noodles  
Shelf Stable Milk  
Toothpaste

Our Thursday Lunch Break Program needs:

Bottled water  
Napkins  
Granola Bars

Your contributions are making a difference in our community!



## Men's Lunch

Monday, May 8th

11:30am

Top Dawg

In Shelter Cove

## PANCAKES



Sunday, May 14th

Come Join us for a

Mother's Day Pancake Meal

after worship

outside under the portico!

**We need volunteers to help with prep and clean up!**

**Call Ray Makalous if you can help,**

**816-510-3041.**

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## Mark Your Calendar

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH PURPOSE

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returns in June 2023 for 4 sessions

**Wednesdays, at 5:30pm**

**starting June 7th in Heinrichs Hall.**



#### **CLC Grief Support Group**

The community grief support group will be meeting **Tuesdays at 11AM weekly** in the "sofa room" of the educational building.

Please contact Silke in the office or via email if you would like to be part of a group of people who all grieve the loss of a loved one in different and individual ways but can now share the pain and suffering as well as the joys and hopes that life still has to offer.

Contact [Silke Pyrlik](#) for more information!

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### Wednesday Bible Study

#### 11 a.m. via Zoom

**NEW Zoom Bible Study Starting March 5**

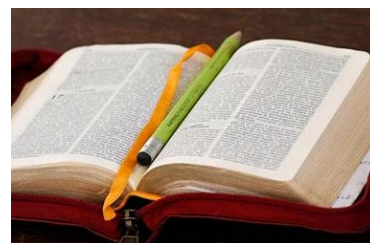
**"Jesus Calls Us" March 5 – May 28**

The purpose of this study, "Jesus Calls Us" is to examine three questions: When does Jesus call us? Where does Jesus call us?

How do we answer Jesus' call? Our mission is to explore the theme of call in biblical and modern times.

The members of this study group are from various ELCA congregations across the country who share a common desire to grow and serve. If you can't make it every week, that's okay. We'll welcome you as often as you can join us. Contact [Kathy Mork](#) for more info.

Study Guides are available in the church office.



Zoom Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6729108287?pwd=aytMaXFcc2JYQXoxRGtuZXVUekJOUT09>

Meeting ID: 672 910 8287

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# ALTAR FLOWERS

## For Sunday Worship

The flower charts for **May, June and July** are posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary, near the bathrooms.

You can give flowers in honor or memory of anyone you wish. Also, you can choose to take them with you or let us distribute them elsewhere.

The memorial/honorarium will be posted in the Sunday bulletin weekly.

The cost will be \$45.

**Thanks so much for helping to make our sanctuary beautiful!**

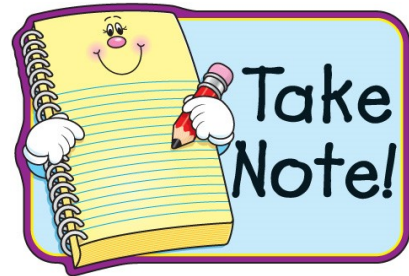
## HELP MAKE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Our altar flowers are bought and arranged by members of our congregation!  
If you would like to do that, we need someone to provide flowers for the  
5th Sunday of each month.

Please contact Nan Stafford (540-230-2388) if you would like to participate!

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The Triathlon that was scheduled for May 6th, has been postponed. Will reschedule at another time.



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## *Thank You*



*For Your Kindness*

A sincere thank you to Elsa Felten for delivering flowers to our long time church member, Elsie Meccariello.

She truly appreciated the kind gesture and fellowship.

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## OUR MEMBERS:

Edith Marth

Tami Kuhlmann, who has had back surgery and is doing well.

Carla Holm

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## MORE PRAYERS NEEDED FOR CLC FRIENDS . . .

Jim Woods, son-in-law of Lois Gregory

Richard Brooks (Patty Bassford's son)  
He is in the hospital with an infection.

.Friend of Doug and Ann Hammes:  
Mrs. Liz Curtis 7448 Spring Village Drive  
Apt. MG-207, Springfield, VA 22150

Pastor June's mother, Carole.

Ruth Keightley, Carol Benton's mother

Layne Carver, surgery at MUSC, Charleston (friend of Ray & Suzy Makalous)

Ginny Majsztirik, broke both arms (friend of Fran & Robin Baselice)

The people of Chimney Cove

Audrey Ongman— My dear friend of many years  
who is living with advanced Alzheimers. (from Julie Raino)

Gabe Federici— My step son and his parents as they grapple  
with his mental illness and reduced capacities. (from Julie Raino)

Gary Gregory (Lois Gregory's son)

Nancy Sloane (a friend of Fran and Robin Baselice),  
diagnosed with leukemia

Dana Dapolito, relative of Robin and Fran Baselice for recurring cancer

Any prayer requests for Christ Lutheran members or friends can be shared with Linda in the church office at [info@clchhi.com](mailto:info@clchhi.com) or with Pr. June at [pastorjune@clchhi.com](mailto:pastorjune@clchhi.com).

Please include the person's address that you wish us to pray for. If you'd like to call the office, you can do so between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday- Thursday at (843)785-5560.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **Sunday, May 7**

10:00 am **Worship Easter 5**, Sanctuary

## **Monday, May 8**

11:30 Men's Breakfast - Top Dawg

12:30 pm Facilities Meeting, Craft Room

## **Tuesday, May 9**

10:00 am Church Staff Meeting, Craft Room

11:00 am Grief Support Group

4:00 pm Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

## **Wednesday, May 10**

11:00 am Bible Study via Zoom

4:30 pm Men's Choir, Sanctuary

## **Thursday, May 11**

10:00 am Lunch Break Program

## **Friday, May 12**

5:00 pm Shag Club meets in Heinrichs Hall

### **Church Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

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